



Eddie A. Pérez
Mayor

MAYOR PEREZ MEETS WITH NATIONAL LEADERS TO FIND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO STOP ILLEGAL GUNS

---NEWS ADVISORY---

WHEN: Monday, April 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
Atrium Ballroom
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C.**

Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez will attend the National Summit of Mayors Against Illegal Guns. Mayor Perez is one of the original members of this group of leaders who are working together to combat the sale, use, and possession of illegal guns. 300 Mayors now belong to this bi-partisan organization. This year's summit will focus on the new Federal Legislative Agenda.

Mayor Perez is proud of Hartford's efforts stop the flow of illegal guns into Connecticut's Capital City. The Mayor says, "Hartford's Lost and Stolen Gun Ordinance paved the way for State lawmakers to pass a similar law. This additional crime-fighting tool helped the HPD retrieve 400 illegal guns last year alone. Public Safety is a top priority investment and the progress the City has made in reducing serious crime to a historic low is worth every dime. However, it is important to keep that momentum going and sharing knowledge with other city leaders is an important way to learn about best practices that could be applied here at home."

A new survey, performed on behalf of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, was conducted and shows Americans overwhelmingly support common sense measures to stop illegal guns. For instance, 87% of those polled support requiring criminal background checks on purchasers at gun shows--- as do 83% of gun owners.

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For more information regarding Mayors Against Illegal Guns, please visit
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